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ARIZONA PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTED CHRIS GALLAGHER WITH THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Glendale, Ariz. — At the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) annual conference, Glendale's Recreation Manager Chris Gallagher received the President's Award during the awards ceremony banquet.

Gallagher has 36 years of parks and recreation experience and was passionately "hooked" to the profession at 15 years old where he started working part time for Glendale as an umpire for youth baseball and softball games. He has worked at the city of Glendale full time the last 15 years. Over the years he has worked his way up the ranks and is now the recreation manager of the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center.

Gallagher was born in and is a long-time resident of Glendale, where he attended William C. Jack Elementary School and was in Independence High School's first graduating class. He also graduated from Arizona State University. He spent a few years away from Glendale working in Prescott, but returned to his hometown.

"He's a great person to work with and has a variety of experience in many different areas of parks and recreation," stated Recreation Manager Mike Gregory, a long-time colleague. "Along with being a baseball fanatic, he is full of fun and interesting stories including one where he scored national media attention when his dog, Buddy, ate his Super Bowl tickets."

The APRA President's Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributed in parks, recreation, and/or cultural services in Arizona. Nominated individuals must be a member of APRA.

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